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DES Announces New Members of Aspiring Leaders Program

Program Promotes Environmental Leadership

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) announces the acceptance of seven new members to its *Aspiring Leaders* program, bringing the total membership to twelve. The new members are: Seaview Technologies of Exeter, Bruss Construction of Bradford, Newport Computer Services of Rochester, Coppertoppe Inn in Hebron, Abigail's Bakery of Weare, Wire Belt Co. of America in Londonderry, and Millipore Corporation in Jaffrey. Of these companies, two are computer equipment brokers, two are in the hospitality and food service sectors, two are manufacturers, and one is a building construction contractor.

Aspiring Leaders is a program to encourage better environmental performance, beyond the minimums required by laws and regulations. Any New Hampshire organization, public or private, with a strong environmental commitment, is welcome to apply. Information on the program is available at www.des.nh.gov/eli.

To date, *Aspiring Leaders* members have committed to 28 unique projects to reduce use of fossil fuels and water, to reduce greenhouse gasses, to reduce solid and hazardous wastes, to mentor other groups in their communities, and to reduce the impact of their landscaping. The projects are three-years in duration. The results of the first year's work will be available in mid-2009.

DES Commissioner Tom Burack remarked, "By making a public commitment to work with DES to move toward better environmental performance, these companies are making New Hampshire a better place to live and work. I offer them my thanks and congratulations."

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